# **Sudoku Solver (Optimization)**

Quoting Wikipedia: "Sudoku is a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle. The objective is to fill a  $9\times9$  grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine  $3\times3$  boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid." The rules for an  $N^2$  X  $N^2$  sudoku are as follows:

- 1. The board consists of N<sup>2</sup> rows and N<sup>2</sup> columns.
- 2. Numbers between 1 and N<sup>2</sup>(inclusive) are to be filled in each row such that:
  - 1. All numbers in each row are distinct.
  - 2. All numbers in each column are distinct.
  - 3. All numbers in the sub-matrix having rows from (i\*N + 1) to (i + 1)\*N, and columns from (j\*N + 1) to (j + 1)\*N both inclusive, should be distinct. 0 <= i,j <= N-1. Rows and columns are 1 indexed. Each such sub-matrix is called a "box" or "region".

5	3			7					5	3	4	6	7	8	9	1	2
6			1	9	5				6	7	2	1	9	5	ന	4	8
	9	8					6		1	9	8	3	4	2	5	6	7
8				6				3	8	5	9	7	6	1	4	2	3
4			8		3			1	4	2	6	8	5	3	7	9	1
7				2				6	7	1	3	9	2	4	8	5	6
	6					2	8		9	6	1	5	3	7	2	8	4
			4	1	9			5	2	8	7	4	1	9	6	3	5
				8			7	9	3	4	5	2	8	6	1	7	9

For this problem, you are required to solve a general  $N^2X$   $N^2$  sudoku puzzle. Given a partially filled sudoku board, you have to fill it in as "perfect" a manner as possible.

#### Input:

The first line contains N, K. The following K lines contain 3 numbers: x, y and d.  $1 \le x,y,d \le N^2$ . This means that a number d is present on the board at position (x,y)  $2 \le N \le 10$   $0 \le K \le N^4$  At most 50% of the board will be covered at the start. All positions (x,y) in the input will be unique.

#### Output:

The output consists of  $N^2$  rows having  $N^2$  numbers each. Each number should be between 1 and  $N^2$  (inclusive) and separated by a space. If the initial grid has a number d at position (x,y), then even the output should have the number d at position (x,y).

#### Scoring:

A solution is "accepted" if:

- It solves a series of sudoku puzzles that have only one possible solution (no mandatory penalty).
- For a sudoku that must incur an obvious small penalty this penalty is as low as possible. The format for penalty calculation is as follows:
  - For each row and every number K in the range 1 to N<sup>2</sup> that is missing from the row, incurs a
    penalty of 1.
  - For each column and every number K in the range 1 to N<sup>2</sup> that is missing from the column, incurs a penalty of 1.
  - Similarly, for each box and every number K in the range 1 to N<sup>2</sup> that is missing from the box, incurs a penalty of 1.

A box (as explained above) is a N X N square and the grid can be divided into N<sup>2</sup> such non-overlapping boxes.

### Example 1 (No penalty):

### Input:

2 41 3 12 1 4

3 4 2 4 2 3

		1	
4			
			2
	3		

### **Output:**

3 2 1 4

4 1 2 3

1 4 3 2

2 3 4 1

### Penalty:

No penalty

## Example 2 (Minimum penalty):

## Input:

2 121 1 1

1 2 2 1 3 2

1 3 2 1 4 4

2 1 42 2 3

2 3 3

2 4 2

4 1 3 4 2 1

4 3 2

4 4 4

1	2	2	4
4	3	3	2
3	1	2	4

## Output:

1 2 2 4

4 3 3 2

2 4 1 3

3 1 2 4

## Penalty:

(1+1+0+0) + (0+0+1+1) + (0+1+0+0) = 5

(This penalty is mandatory)